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Applicant(s) : Carrie Haskell-Luevano  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

Sir:

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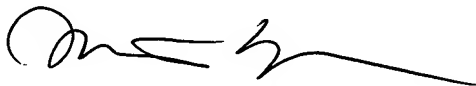
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The applicant hereby respectfully petitions that the submission of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney be considered timely, and that a Petition fee should not be charged (or should be refunded if it is charged).

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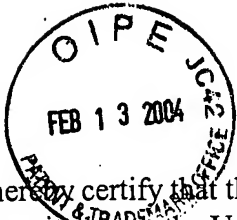
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